

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of March 7, 2008 issued with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

independent claims 1, 17 and 33 are amended to specify that multiple heater elements are in each nozzle, each heater element is suspended between corresponding electrodes and the heater elements and associated electrodes are arranged in each nozzle so that the electrodes are non-coincident. Support for this amendment can be found at page 15, line 11-page 17, line 7 of the present specification;

dependent claims 5, 21 and 36 are amended to conform with amended claims 1, 17 and 33; and

dependent claims 2-4, 7-16, 18-20, 23-32, 34, 35 and 37-47 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

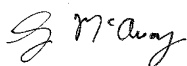
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1, 17 and 33, and the claims dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Kubby, Drake, Silverbrook, Feinn, Komuro, De Moor and Yamashita either taken alone or in combination, because none of the cited references teach or suggest multiple heater elements in each chamber having associated electrodes which are non-coincident with electrodes of the other heater elements, as is required by amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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